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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TOWN OF JOLIET, MONTANA

SRF #: C304228

TOWN OF JOLIET WASTEWATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

June 19, 2014

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. Deficiencies in the wastewater treatment system have resulting in numerous discharge permit violations and the town is proposing to make improvements to correct the deficiencies. The improvements include: install a trash screen to remove trash that would enter the treatment cells; install a ultra-violet disinfection system to disinfect the treated wastewater prior to discharging to Rock Creek; install additional aeration equipment to improve mixing and air supply in the treatment cells; and remove sludge from cells one and two, allow it to dry, and dispose of it in the Billings landfill. The sludge will be dried on-site using large membranes (Geotubes®), which allow approximately 80% of the water to drain from the sludge, and then hauled to the Billings landfill site in trucks which will be covered. The improvements are proposed to be completed this year.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

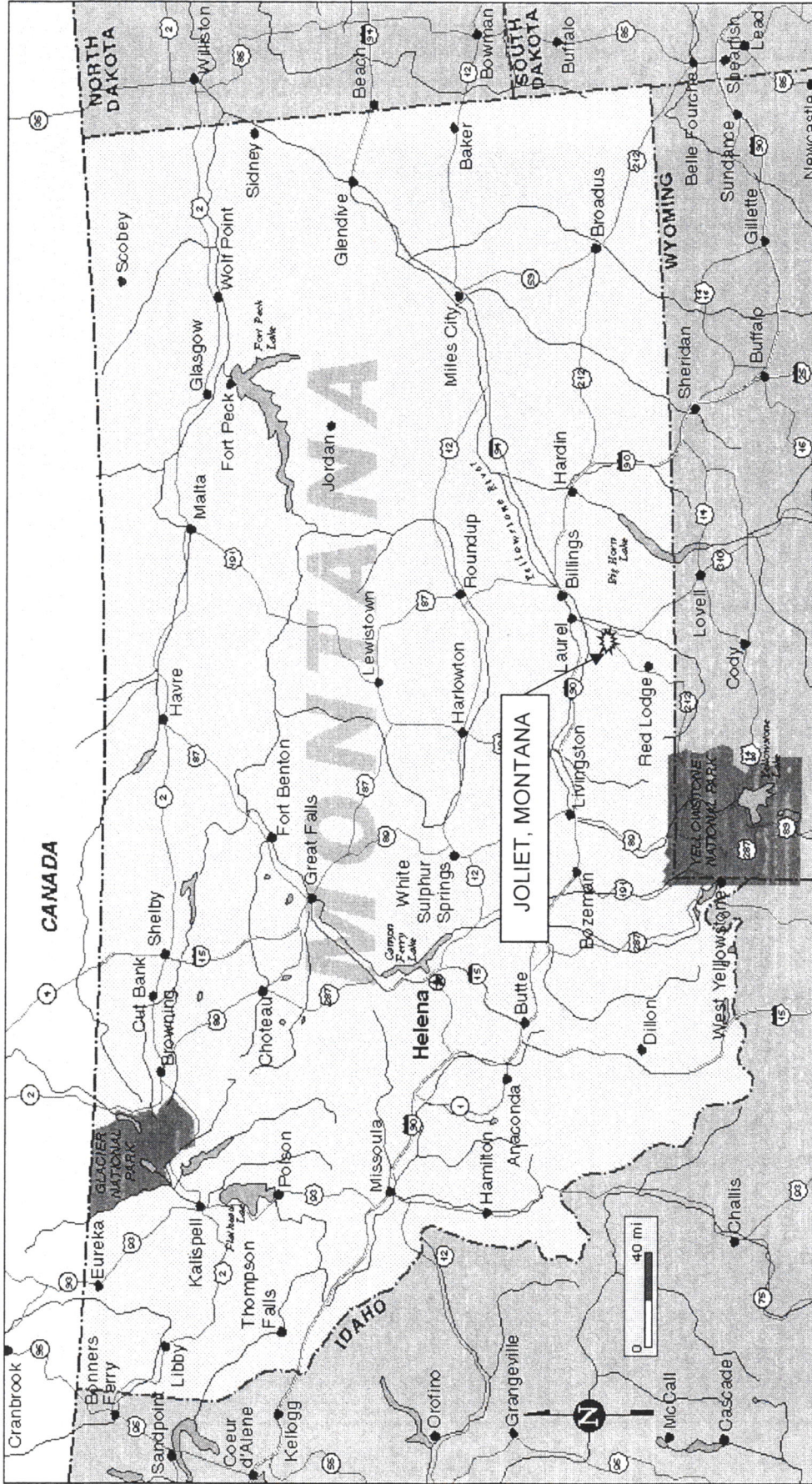
The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

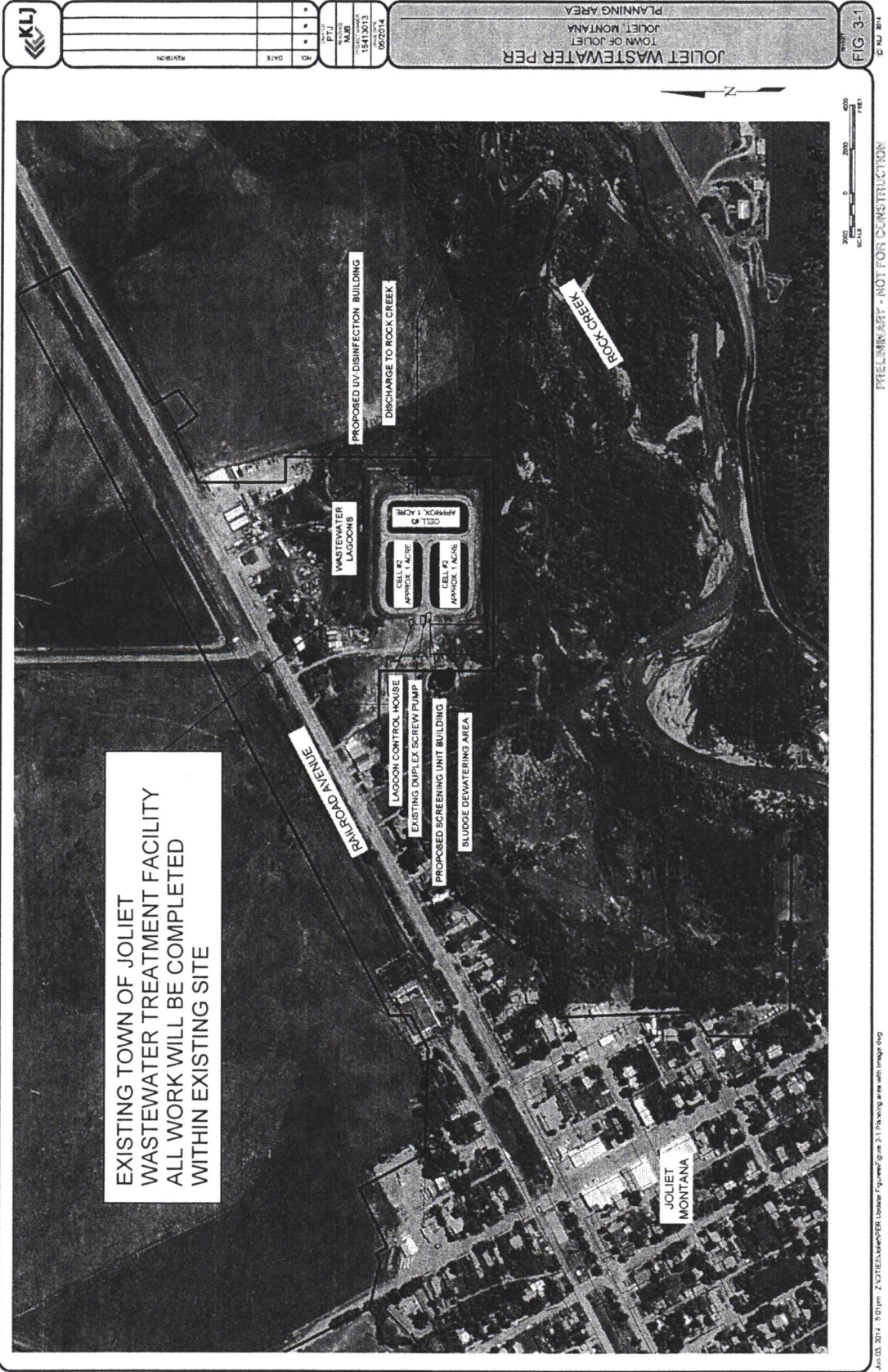
Town of Joliet
116 South Main Street
Joliet, MT 59041

Sincerely,

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VICINITY MAP – TOWN OF JOLIET, MONTANA



TOWN OF JOLIET WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY